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MICHIGAN.

We take the following from "Michigan and Its Resources," compiled by Frederick Morley, Commissioner of Immigration of this State:

The State of Michigan is 9,745 square miles larger than the State of New York; 13,700 larger than Pennsylvania; 17,855 larger than Ohio; 2,565 larger than Indiana; and 2,265 larger than Illinois. The entire area of the six New England States is 7,550 square miles larger than that of Michigan.

When the State was admitted into the Union, less than 50 years ago, it ranked 23d among the States in order of population. It is now the 9th.

It has a coast line of 1,000 miles—more than half the distance between New York and Liverpool—around which vessels of 2,000 tons may sail without losing sight of its territory.

The largest body of fresh water in the world forms its northern boundary; the second largest its western, except these two, there are no lakes in Europe, Asia or America, larger than that which washes its eastern borders; and it has ports on two others. Lying in the embrace of these immense seas, its climate has no equal in the moderate of its temperature in any State or Territory situated on the same degrees of latitude east of the Rocky Mountains.

Most of the southern peninsula of the State lies between the same line of latitude as the State of New York. The shore line of its upper peninsula on Lake Superior is mostly south of the latitude of Quebec. No part of Michigan is as far north as Paris.

It has 4,332 miles of railroad—51 county seats out of 67 in the lower peninsula have railroad connections; 9 others are lake ports. There are only seven of which have no outlet either by rail or water, and none of these is more than 20 miles from a railroad. In the upper peninsula there is only one, and in the lower peninsula there is only one; eight counties, not reached by railroad connections already in operation or in process of construction.

The farmers of Michigan have also the assurance of permanent competition in the rates of transportation to eastern and seaboard markets not only by various rival lines of railroad but by natural and artificial waterways.

Every dollar saved in reaching consumers is added to the gains of the producer. The report of the United States department of agriculture shows that in a series of six years, previous to and including 1880, the average cash value per acre of eight leading productions of the farm, taken together, in ten principal farming States of the west was greater in Michigan than any other State.

In the order of production, Michigan stands first among the States in the growth and manufacture of lumber, first in salt, first in copper, first in charcoal pig iron, certainly second if not first in iron ore, first in its fresh-water fisheries, fourth in wheat and fourth in wool. It has the largest iron mine and the largest copper mine in the world. Seven-tenths of all the wheat raised in the country is grown in nine States, and only three excel Michigan in the volume of this crop.

In the last census year it produced more wheat to the acre than any State in the Union except Colorado, whose total yield was less than a million and a half of bushels. It is also one of the best fruit-producing States in the Union. All its principle products are staples, for which there must be a constant and growing demand.

The State is practically free from debt. Its public buildings are paid for. It is prohibited by its constitution from borrowing money in excess of \$50,000, except in time of war. The entire local indebtedness of all its cities, villages, towns, counties, and school districts is less than ten millions of dollars. Its taxes are low, and one-third of them is applied to educational purposes.

The school system of Michigan makes education free to all. The primary schools, the agricultural college, and the university are open without charge for tuition to rich and poor alike—Even in nominations to the government army and navy schools at West Point and Annapolis it has become an established custom to leave the periodical vacancies open to competitive examination. Young men of every nationality, creed and condition, have precisely the same right to public benefits and equal chances in the race for success.

With all the advantages of a healthy climate, a fertile soil, easy access to home and foreign markets, extraordinary facilities for transportation, a settled society, a generous school system, established institutions, freedom from debt, and a low rate of taxation, there are in the State several millions of acres of unoccupied farming lands, suitable to almost every variety of husbandry, some of them open to settlement under United States and State homestead laws, and all of them within reach of moderate means.

School books and stationery at the Post Office.

THE NEWER ARITHMETIC.

If a man buys a box of strawberries with the bottom shovled up half-way to the top for 23 cents, how many can he buy for \$2?

Bought a horse 14 years old for \$85 and sold him to an editor for \$130 as a 6-year-old stepper. How much did I make?

If it takes 18 men to do the bossing and four men to do the lifting when a street-car horse falls down, how many bosses and lifters will it take to put five horses on their feet?

Julia has five beaux and Emily has three, while the old maid next door has none. How many beaux in all, and how many would be left if the should give the old maid half the crowd?

How many are \$18 less the \$5 you lent a congressman's son to help him pay his fare to Iowa?

A certain city has a population of 120,000. The census man can't find but 231,580. What is the difference, and where did the remainder hide during the census-taking?

A has an overcoat for which he paid \$18, and his wife trades it off for two red-velvet busts of Andrew Jackson worth 30 cents each. How much money will she get from her husband to buy a fall bonnet?

If six men who talk politics and dispute on Biblical questions can build a wall in five days, how long will it take two men who whistle and flirt with the widow on the corner to do the same work?

A man pays 30 cents for three pounds of evaporated apples, and gets a \$14 newspaper piff for sending them to an orphan asylum. Does he gain or lose, and how much?

How many peck peach-baskets, each holding six quarts, will be required to hold seven bushels of peaches, each bushel of which is short four quarts?

How do you obtain an abstract number? Answer: Hire a strange boy to take a dozen oranges to your house.

How do you obtain a concrete number? Answer: Mix one part of Akron cement with two parts of sand and spread.

GEORGIA SNAKES.

We were sitting on the post office steps at Ringgold, Ga., when Judge Hallam winked me around the corner and whispered:

"The old chap on that 'cracker-box' is Col. Slasher, the biggest liar in the State of Georgia. Ask him for a snake story."

I slid back, looking innocent and unconcerned, and at the first opportunity I inquired:

"Colonel, are there any moccasins snakes in this State?"

"Billions of 'em," he replied.

"Any very big ones?"

"Well, I reckon! Yum! Don't talk to me about big snakes!"

"Colonel, how long a snake did you ever see?"

He rolled his quid over and over and got his hands over his left knee before replying.

"I'm afraid you wouldn't believe me."

"Yes, I—that is—yes, I would."

"You know that snakes grow mighty fast down here!"

"Of course."

"And that our swamps offer them a secure retreat?"

"I wouldn't have you doubt my word," he remarked, after a pause, as he squinted his left eye at a spotted dog across the street.

"How could I, Colonel?"

He rose up slowly, stepped down over the sand and paced off about 40 feet, going over the ground twice and counting his steps. When he had returned and taken his seat I asked:

"Do you mean to tell me, Colonel, that you have seen a snake 40 feet long?"

"Oh, no, no!" he quickly replied. "I was simply pacing off to see if there was room to plant six hitching-posts in there. The longest snake I ever saw measured exactly ten inches by the rule, and had been dead three days to boot." Free Press.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Reed City, Mich., May 17th, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Crawford County, Michigan, at the county seat, on Saturday the 1st day of July, 1882, viz: Charles Wagner, from Grant City No. 6482, for the n. e. q. of a e. q. sec. 12, T. 29 N., R. 4 W., and unless the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: E. Grayling, J. P. Grayling, R. B. Grayling, J. P. Grayling, and John Grayling, all of Grayling, P. O., and John Grayling, all of Grayling, P. O., and David London of Grayling, P. O.

EDWARD STEVENSON, Register.

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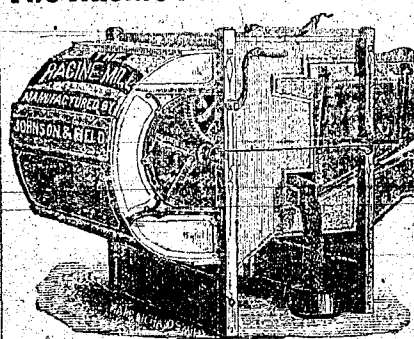
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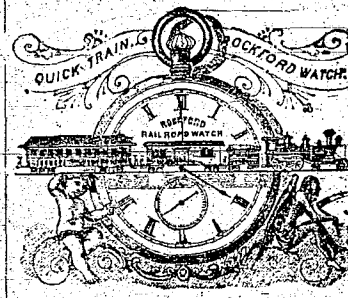
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CHANCERY SALE.

State of Michigan—The Circuit Court for the County of Crawford—in Chancery.

HENRY MOORE, Compt.

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, MARGARET HUTCHINSON, and HORATIO MERRILL, Dees.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree made by said court, it is to be sold, public sale, the following described premises, viz: The southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section four (4), the north half of the southeast quarter and the north west quarter of the northeast quarter of section nine (9), the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty (20), in township number twenty-eight (28), north of range two (2) west, being in the County of Crawford, in the State of Michigan, in all ten hundred and six acres, more or less, according to the United States survey thereof, to the same thereof, be the same more or less, but subject to all legal claims.

Dated April 8th, 1882.

STANLEY W. TURNER, Circuit Court Commissioner for Crawford County, Michigan.

E. C. CLARK, S. T. For Compt.

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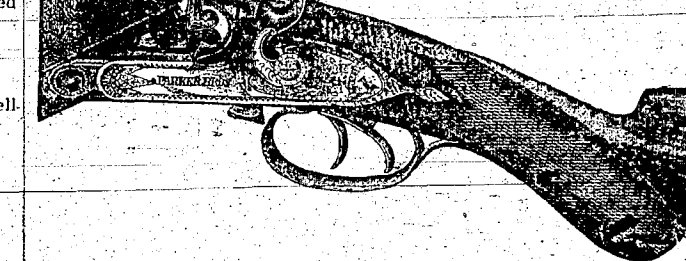
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